

Background

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is developing a project to upgrade the Route 146 & Route 146A intersection in the Town of Clifton Park, Saratoga County. The project will be funded through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The existing intersection experiences accident rates above the statewide average for similar facilities (7.64 Accidents/Million Vehicle Miles vs. 4.77 Accidents/Million Vehicle Miles). During peak travel times, drivers experience delays due to the traffic congestion and signal timing. NYSDOT will be hosting an open house to solicit feedback from the public on the proposed project.



NYS Route 146/NYS Route 146A
Intersection

Project Objectives

- Correct safety deficiencies using cost effective accident reduction measures such that accident reduction benefits equal or exceed project costs attributable to safety work.
- Improve overall traffic conditions using cost effective methods to reduce delay and to provide an acceptable level of service, for a design period of 20 years.
- Improve safety conditions to reduce recurring vehicular and pedestrian conflicts.

Preferred Alternative

- Construct new two-lane modern roundabout
- Installation of new multi-use path along NYS Route 146 Eastbound, west of the intersection, to connect two existing multi-use paths.
- Replacement and repair of the existing surface drainage system including storm water treatment measures to reduce runoff.
- Elimination of both slip ramps currently servicing the intersection.



Preliminary Roundabout Layout

Meeting Content

Please stop in anytime between 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM to meet NYSDOT staff and learn more about the project. NYSDOT will have renderings and other visualizations on hand. Comment forms will be available at the meeting.

Public Comment Period

Pre-Addressed comment forms will be available at the open house. Written comments may be submitted at the meeting, as well as, after the meeting via email or U.S. mail. Please send all comments to the project contact listed on the back page. All comments must be received by October 1, 2018. NYSDOT has been working with the Town of Clifton Park since the onset of the project and will continue to do so throughout the project duration.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q Why is a roundabout the preferred alternative?

A The intersection would operate more efficiently – vehicles would need to stop at the intersection less often and for shorter durations. Thus, the roundabout alternative would minimize delay and fuel consumption. In addition, it would maximize safety by reducing the severity of accidents and the number of “conflict points.” A roundabout would also reduce vehicle emissions and (by substantially shortening or eliminating stopped lanes of traffic) make it easier to pull in and out of driveways/businesses near the intersection.

Q Will the State need to purchase any land for this project?

A Yes. Property owners who will be affected by the project have been contacted by NYSDOT.

Q Will there be night construction?

A Yes. Nighttime construction will be utilized during this project for limited operations.

Q How will traffic be maintained during construction?

A The intention is for traffic to be maintained on-site with the potential need for short term detours which will be evaluated during final design. The intent of any detour would be to reduce the duration of construction and its impact on the traveling public. Businesses near the intersection will remain accessible to the public throughout the duration of construction.

Q How will pedestrians/bicyclists maneuver through the roundabout?

A Pedestrians/bicyclists will maneuver through the roundabout using the marked crosswalks. High-Visibility signage and crosswalks will alert drivers that a pedestrian or bicyclist may be crossing. When allowed, a pedestrian/bicyclist will cross roadway lane(s) to a refuge island which will provide an area for them to wait, if necessary, until they can safely cross the other roadway lane(s).

Project Schedule

- Complete Design Approval in Fall 2018. Final plans complete in Winter 2018.
- Construction will begin in Spring 2019. Anticipate completion of contract in 2019.

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